

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) A diagnostic method of hemolytic anemia, which detects the number of damaged red blood cells (RBCs) in a sample, including the steps of:

staining red blood cells ~~isolated as the~~ in a peripheral blood sample in hypotonic solution with PE conjugated antihemoglobin (anti-Hb) antibody;

adding saline without wash to the sample, and

analyzing the sample by flow cytometry to identify the quantity of fragmented red blood cells as compared to indented red blood cells for determining hemolytic anemia wherein said diagnostic method of hemolytic anemia shows stained red blood cells of more than 1%.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the quantity of blood cells stained is about 2 ml, and the PE antibody is added in 0.6% NaCl for about 15 minutes at room temperature.